



PATENT APPLICATION
SERIAL NO. 08/716,223

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1302 :
In re application of :
G.A. VAN SCHOUWENBURG : METHOD FOR PREPARING A
Serial No. 08/716,223 : COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM
Filed November 22, 1996 : SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND
Examiner - M. Cano : THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT
OBTAINED

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 27, 1997

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 1997,
Applicant submits the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time
and the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1, 4 and 18 as
follows:

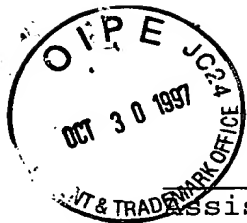
81 SubD2 1. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing a
coherent[, robust] piece of ^{raw} meat from smaller pieces of ^{raw} meat,
comprising the steps of:

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Serial No.: 08/716,223 Filing Date: November 22, 1996
Examiner: M. Cano Group Art Unit: 1302
Invention: "Method for Preparing a Coherent Piece of Meat From Smaller Pieces of Meat, and the Coherent Piece of Meat Obtained"

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application.

X No additional claim fee is required.
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

No. of Claims After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate	Non-Small Entity Rate	Charge
Total <u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	X \$ 11.00	X \$ 22.00	\$ <u>0</u>
Indep. <u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	X \$ 41.00	X \$ 82.00	\$ <u>0</u>
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$135.00	+ \$270.00	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Additional Fee					\$ <u>0</u>

 A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

X A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed for a one month Petition for Extension of Time.

 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment in the form of a check. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

 Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

 Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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